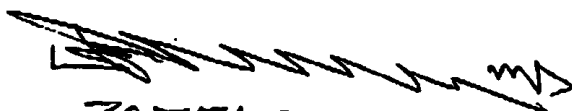


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I, Eric A. Pfeifer, M.D., state as follows:

1. I am the Chief Deputy Coroner of Olmstead County, Minnesota, as well as a forensic pathologist at the Mayo Clinic.
2. I have reviewed Linda Adanalian's medical records, the emergency room chart, the autopsy report authored by Dr. Siu, and the report and addendum authored by my colleague, Dr. William Edwards.
3. I have discussed Linda's medical history and emergency room presentation with Dr. Steven Chooljian, Linda's family physician. I have also talked with Dr. John Mosher about Linda's emergency room presentation, treatment, and outcome.
4. Both Dr. Chooljian and Dr. Mosher support exhumation to facilitate additional pathology analysis of this case.
5. I have also talked with Dr. Albert Siu, the forensic pathologist who performed the autopsy on Linda. Dr. Siu explains to me that despite extensive pathology review, he cannot find a cause of death. Dr. Siu tells me that he supports a second autopsy to harvest additional specimens to determine the cause of Linda's sudden, unexpected death. I have talked with the Fresno County Coroner, Dr. David Hadden, and understand that he is exhuming Linda's remains to harvest additional specimens to assist his office in determining the cause of death. I agree with Dr. Hadden's decision.
6. I have consulted with my colleagues, including Dr. William Edwards, and formulated a strategy to maximize the chances of arriving at a definitive cause of death.
7. From my review of Linda's clinical course prior to death, I believe that a toxicological etiology is quite possible. In fact, certain heavy metals and other poisons come to mind, and I believe that Linda's case warrants further specialized toxicological testing of certain tissue samples that are not available without exhumation. At this point, certain post mortem tissues from exhumation of Linda would have potentially greater yield than the small amount of specimen remaining. This is especially true since Linda's postmortem blood has tested positive for toxic levels of Mercury, apparently from a defective blood preservative. Accordingly, the reliability of all related toxicology test results are in question.
8. Exhumation will provide needed specimens, such as, hair, bone, vitreous humor, muscle, nails, skin, and additional amounts of brain, liver, and kidneys. A minimum of 100 grams of brain is needed, as well as 100 grams of liver, and 50 grams of kidney. In my opinion, these additional specimens will be significant in determining the cause of death.
9. My employment agreement with the Mayo Clinic prohibits me from accepting any fees related to this case.


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